



Lake County Sheriff's Office

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2011 ANNUAL REPORT

2011 Patrol Division Annual Report

Executive Lieutenant Carl Dondorfer

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division provides regular patrols to the unincorporated areas of Lake County including Concord Township, Leroy Township, Painesville Township and Perry Township. Patrol Commander Lt. Carl Dondorfer supervises this division comprised deputy sheriffs who provide day to day policing over approximately 88 square miles and an average population of approximately 55,000 residents.

These dedicated men and women work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year investigating crime, responding to emergencies, pro-actively implementing patrols to protect the citizens of Lake County, providing search and rescue ... serving the public needs in a caring, courteous and professional manner to ensure the highest quality of life for all people.

Patrol Supervision



Lt. Carl Dondorfer
Road Patrol Commander



Lt. Todd Menmuir
Shift Commander



Lt. Michael Reed
Shift Commander



Sgt. Donald Durst
Shift Supervisor

Sgt. Larry Harpster
Shift Supervisor

Sgt. Pat Paterson
Shift Supervisor

2011 Road Patrol Annual Report Review

The Road Patrol maintained public safety for well over **55,000 residents inside Painesville Township, Perry Township, Concord Township, and Leroy Township.** These Townships cover **88 square miles**, where the **Lake County Sheriff Office** is sole police protection.

The Road Patrol responded to 37,275 events in 2011. These events consisted of part I, part II, part III crimes, and misc. complaints. The types of calls included:

PART I	PART II	PART III
Criminal	Forgery	Motor vehicle Accidents
Homicide	Fraud	Other Accidents
Forcible Rape	Embezzlement	Railroad Accidents
Robbery	Stolen Property	Public Accidents
Assault	Vandalism	Home Accidents
Burglary	Weapons	Occupational Accidents
Larceny	Prostitution	Firearm Accidents
Motor Vehicle	Sex Offenses	Animal Bites
Theft	Drug Abuse	Suicide
Arson	Liquor Laws	Attempted Suicide
	Driving Under the Influence	Sudden Death
	Disorderly Conduct	Personnel
	Vagrancy	Reports
	All Other Offenses	Lost
		Found

In 2011 the Road Patrol investigated the following in each of the (4) Townships.

	PART I	PART II	PART III
PAINESVILLE	387	460	2836
CONCORD	147	189	2051
PERRY	106	113	885
LEROY	31	39	353
TOTAL	671	801	6,125

- **Note: Statistical data for PART III is still being compiled which resulted in the following lower figures.**

When compared to stats for each Township in 2010 activity remained fairly consistent for each Township. The recorded events assist in establishing zones of patrol in each Township. In using the locations and number of recorded events, zones and staffing was adjusted to serve public safety.

- **Concord Township, showed a small increase in PART I crimes, (2010)138 reported, in (2011) 147.**
- **Painesville Twp. and Perry Twp. also showed increases in PART I crimes this year.**
- **Painesville Twp. in (2010) reported 317 in (2011) 387 PART I crimes were reported.**
- **Perry Twp. in (2010) reported 74 in (2011) 106 PART I crimes were reported.**
- **Leroy Twp. showed a slight decrease from (2010) 34 PART I crimes reported to (2011) 31 crimes reported.**

In 2011 the Road Patrol maintained traffic enforcement for hundreds of miles of Roadway inside 88 square miles of patrol zones within (4) Townships. In 2011 there were 668 damage accidents reported.

The Road Patrol has a complete summary of traffic related events for 2011. This summary was completed so that patrol could be placed in areas where a higher number of accidents occur during the day, and the time those accidents occur. In this summary the top (5) MVA areas were identified. We are sorry to report that we had (4) fatal accident in 2011 which is up from 2010 during which time there were (2) inside Painesville Twp, Concord Township, Perry Twp, and Leroy Township. Listed below are the top (5) most dangerous intersections within Lake County Sheriff's Office Patrol area, for motor vehicle accidents.



INTERSECTIONS

(1) Interstate 90 / State Rt. 44 Concord Twp....	64 Crashes	(2010 = 68)
(2) State Rt. 44 / State Rt. 2 Painesville Twp.	74 Crashes	(2010 = 31)
(3) State Rt. 84 / State Rt. 44 Concord Twp....	28 Crashes	(2010 = 20)
(4) Auburn Rd. / State Rt. 44 Concord Twp.....	31 Crashes	(2010 = 23)
(5) State Rt. 2 / State Rt. 535 Painesville Twp...	21 Crashes	(2010 = 7)

The Road Patrol will target above intersections and non-intersections during identified day and times in effort to reduce risk to Lake County residents. In 2012 we will hopefully show that by targeting these locations we reduce property damage and injuries. The Road Patrol also completed a summary of the total number of D.U.I & D.U.S arrests inside Townships. This summary includes day, time, and locations of arrest. This information will be used to adjust manpower inside patrol zones to target traffic offenders. We had 56 Operating vehicles while intoxicated arrests, in 2011. We have increased our patrol in and around Tri-Point Hospital to assist with increased traffic due to volume of people visiting Hospital. We also entered into agreement with Tri-Point for off duty Deputies to work weekends to assist staff inside the emergency room. The Hospital also assisted with the creation of a substation inside Hospital. Deputies patrolling Concord Township can complete reports and stay inside the Township while completing reports

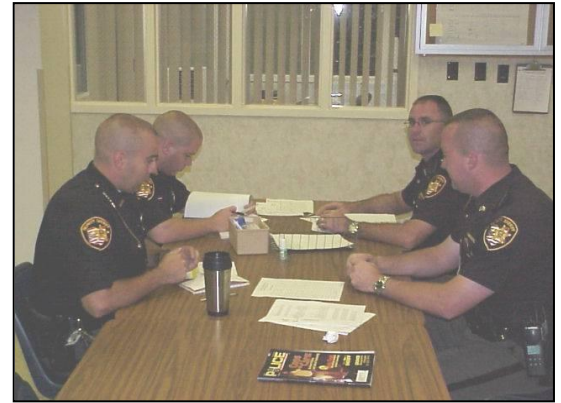
The Lake County Sheriff's Office also maintains one of the best equipped Swat Teams in the State of Ohio. The Swat Team activations were critical to eliminating crack houses and methamphetamine labs in our patrol areas and adjoining Painesville City. Captain Walters commands the team, comprised of Lake County Deputies, Painesville City Officers, and Geauga County Deputies. **The SWAT Team was activated (11) times in 2011 compared to (8) in 2010, (8) were drug related warrant services, (2) barricaded suspect incidents, and (1) assist to local law enforcement on an open terrain search.**

In 2011 the Road Patrol completed a report of population forecast for (4) townships inside patrol zones, where the Lake County Sheriff's Office is sole police protection. The United States Census Bureau reported the population inside PERRY, PAINESVILLE, CONCORD, and LEROY TOWNSHIPS at 56,282. The population forecast completed with assistance of Lake County Planning shows that the end of 2011 a total of 56,282 residents will reside within aforementioned Townships. The uniform Crime report indicated that for every 1,000 residents 1.6 police officers should exist as an average. The Lake County Sheriff's Office operates well below that national average. The Road Patrol provides an excellent response time, completing investigations for a very high number of criminal events, and traffic related incidents. This is done by a highly dedicated leadership from Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, senior to junior Deputies. (Reference summary of Township population and LCSO manpower).

With the passing of levies to fund patrol inside Concord Township and Painesville Township the Sheriff entered into a contract with Concord Township and Painesville Township. Concord and Painesville Township used the levy funds to pay for Road Patrol Deputies, vehicles and equipment. These deputies will be used to

patrol neighborhoods and business area's during hours when thefts, and other reported crimes have occurred. This will assist in the direct targeting of reported incidents in these neighborhoods. We want to thank the residents of Concord Township and Painesville Township for passing the aforementioned levies. The continued growth and development of our Townships require additional work by the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The funds created by the passing of levies will assist in covering the additional needs of each Township.

The Trustees of Concord Township and Painesville Township see the need for increased Police Patrol inside Township neighborhoods. The cost of creating a Police Department inside the Township is estimated at 2.5 to 3.5 million dollars per year. The Trustee's decided that passing a levy and entering into a contract with a well-established Police Agency would be more cost effective for their residents. This would allow for significant savings to taxpayers as Township continues to grow and the needs for additional Police Protection increases. The levy's passed in Painesville Township and Concord Township will generate approx. (1) million dollars which will be used for Road Patrol inside Painesville and Concord Townships.



Special Mention needs to be placed with dedicated members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol, and Special Deputies. The men and women that work 24 hours a day (7) days a week. They serve and respond to the public needs in a caring, courteous, and professional manner to ensure the highest quality of life for all people. These men and women investigate crimes that can create stresses beyond average citizen's belief. They continue to maintain very professional standing with Lake County residents, State, Federal, and local police agencies. This positive, professional conduct starts at the top of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and continues to the newest member of the Road Patrol. This Deputy is honored to work with such a professional group of men and women that make up this fine Office.

The Sheriff along with Administrators at Riverside School District and Auburn Career Center agreed to share in cost of School Resource Officers. The schools pay \$120,986.00 towards (2) Deputies (1) at Auburn and (1) at Riverside. These Deputies provide security within the respective schools, and parking lots enhancing protection for our young people.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office also received in 2006 a new marine patrol 27' Boston Whaler valued at \$167,000.00. This boat was granted to the Lake County Sheriff's Office through Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Lake County Sheriff's Office along with U.S. Coast Guard and Ohio Department of Natural Resources provide safe boating, and enforcement of laws along Lake County shoreline for all Lake County residents. **We list the aforementioned improvements and return of funds to show Lake County residents that we make every effort to not only protect our citizens but also to show we value your tax dollars.** The Lake County Sheriff's Office in 2007 was placed in charge of a new project The Northern Border Initiative, this project funded by Homeland Security. This initiative will provide security along the Lake Erie Shoreline. The Lake County Sheriff's Office was able to secure a new water craft for inland waterways, including the Grand River. This was funded by Homeland Security Office and will enhance Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and Dive Team. In 2011 as part of Northern Border Initiative Lieutenant Jeff Sherwood and Lieutenant Carl Dondorfer also secured an additional \$32,000.00 to enhance Marine Patrol and shoreline patrol along Lake County Ohio. These funds, and equipment allowed for additional marine Patrol and shoreline patrol by Lake County Deputies and surrounding police agencies, supporting Lake County Dive Teams, and area boaters.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office also received a new mandate from State of Ohio. This is House Bill 422 which requires all public, and private schools to have in place a safety plan. This safety plan must be tested yearly and then reported the local law enforcement. The Lake County Sheriff's Office has completed safety plans and maintains records for yearly test for all schools within patrol area. Sergeant Larry Harpster

collects and maintains safety plan for every grade school, middle school, and High school inside the Townships.

Perry Township in 2011 continued to fund an extra patrol program with the Lake County Sheriffs Office. The Trustees Nancy Steele, Phil Haskell, and Rick Amos started this program requesting that Deputies patrol Perry Township Park in effort to increase safety for Perry Township residents. This program has enhanced the safety of Township residents and their children while attending spring, summer, and fall events inside the Park and Community Center. The Sheriff's Office will meet with Perry Township Trustee's in effort to increase the size of the area for extra Patrol. This will assist in increased demands for Sheriff's Patrol in and around State Route 20/North Ridge Road.

We take pride in the trust our residents have in our agency we will continue to provide the very best we can to the residents of Lake County.



Lt. Carl Dondorfer
Patrol Commander